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The 2004 Children's ScoreCard produced by the Children's Planning Council and presented to the Board of Supervisors on October 19, 2004, revealed current conditions of health and well-being for all children and youth throughout the region. Of particular interest to the County is the well-being of children in the care of county government – children in the foster care and juvenile justice systems. While several reports and analyses have been provided on the children in the care of the Department of Children and Family Services, few have illuminated the conditions of children and youth under the care of the Probation Department, and there is scarce documented information on the systemic factors that may be contributing to those conditions.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE, that the Board:

1. Request the Children's Planning Council to publish a report on various conditions effecting children under the care of the Probation Department, including the reasons children and youth enter the system, length of time in the system, recidivism rates and key factors contributing to those rates, how resources are used for this population, engagement/communication efforts with parents or family members, educational achievement and consideration given to children and youth categorized as needing "special education," and comparisons with other jurisdictions across the nation on the number or rate of incarceration of young people. The report should include trends over time, if known, for each of these factors. The report shall also include recommendations for systems

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improvement and data collection efforts.

2. Request the Children's Planning Council to present the findings of the report to the Board of Supervisors within 180 days.
3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to identify \$10,000 for the publication of this report.

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